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SUBJECT: TECHNICAL SALES SEMINAR: AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT, MOROCCO, ALGERIA, TUNISIA

REF: A) STATE 6140, B) RABAT 5030, C) ALGIERS 3244,

--- D) TUNIS 6140 (NOTAL)

1. TO ACCOMMODATE POSTS' SUGGESTIONS ON SCHEDULE, COMMERCE PROPOSES REVISED SEMINAR DATES AS FOLLOWS: MOROCCO APRIL 30-MAY 5; ALGERIA MAY 5-9; TUNISIA MAY 9-13.

INITIAL DAYS IN MOROCCO COULD BE SPENT VISITING ARID AND IRRIGATED AREAS WITH SEMINAR SCHEDULED MONDAY AND TUESDAY IN RABAT. REVISED SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT ALGIERS SEMINARS TO BE PRESENTED THURSDAY-FRIDAY, WITH OPTION FOR TRAVEL TO RELEVANT SITE SATURDAY.

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2A. HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS:

SEMINAR: PLEASE RESERVE 8 SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH FOR 7 PARTICIPANTS PLUS 1 FOR COORDINATOR. IN ADDITION, RESERVE ONE SUITE FOR SEMINAR CHAIRMAN IN EACH LOCATION. HOTELS WITH REDUCED GOVERNMENT RATES ARE FAVORED WHERE- EVER POSSIBLE.

ADVANCE TRIP: ONE SINGLE WITH BATH.

2B. ADVANCE TRIP SCHEDULE - PROPOSED

PLEASE NOTE: ADVANCE OFFICER SCHEDULE HAS BEEN MOVED FORWARD SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH TUNIS PREPARATION FOR COMMERCIAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE.

MOROCCO -- MARCH 12-17
CASABLANCA MARCH 12, 13
SUGGESTED HOTELS: CASABLANCA, ED MANSOUR
--RABAT -- MARCH 14-17
--SUGGESTED HOTEL -RABAT HILTON

ALGERIA -- MARCH 18-22
--ALGIERS -- SUGGESTED HOTEL - ST. GEORGE

TUNISIA -- MARCH 23-27
--TUNIS -- SUGGESTED HOTEL - TUNIS HILTON

2C. PROPOSED SEMINAR SCHEDULE:

MORNING ARRIVAL - CASABLANCA
EVENING RECEPTION
HOTEL SUGGESTIONS: EL MANSOUR; CASABLANCA FOR NIGHTS OF
--APRIL 30, MAY 1

MAY1-2, WEEKEND: DAY VISITS TO APPROPRIATE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. STRESS INTEREST OF SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS IN RAINFED OR DRY/IRRIGABLE LAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. LOGISTICS NEED BE CONSIDERED SO AS NOT TO UNDULY TIRE SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS.

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MAY 2, SUNDAY:
AFTERNOON ARRIVAL - RABAT
HOTEL SUGGESTION: RABAT HILTON FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 2,3,4

MAY3-4, MONDAY, TUESDAY:
SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT HILTON WITH CONFERENCE ROOM(S) TO BE RESERVED.

MAY 5, WEDNESDAY:

ALGERIA -- DEPART RABAT VIA CASABLANCA FOR
AFTERNOON ARRIVAL IN ALGIERS. EVENING RECEPTION.
HOTEL SUGGESTIONS: EL AURASSI; ST. GEORGE FOR NIGHTS OF
MAY 5, 6, 7, 8

MAY 6, 7 THURSDAY, FRIDAY:

SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT HOTEL IF FACILITIES AVAILABLE; IF
NOT OTHER CONFERENCE ROOM FACILITIES NEED TO BE ARRANGED.

MAY 8, SATURDAY:

VISIT TO AGRICULTURAL PROJECT. POSSIBLY SETIF.

MAY 9, SUNDAY:

MORNING DEPARTURE FOR TUNIS.

MAY 9, SUNDAY:

TUNISIA -- EVENING RECEPTION.
HOTEL SUGGESTION: TUNIS HILTON FOR NIGHTS OF MAY 9, 10,
11, 12

MAY 10, 11, MONDAY, TUESDAY:

SEMINAR TO BE HELD AT HOTEL WITH ARRANGEMENTS MADE TO USE
CONFERENCE ROOMS.

MAY 12, WEDNESDAY:

BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS IN TUNIS.

MAY 13, THURSDAY:

DEPART TUNIS.

3. COMMERCE REPS MET RECENTLY WITH USAID MOROCCO MISSION
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DIRECTOR AND ASSOCIATES TO DISCUSS CONCERNS MENTIONED
REF B. THEY SUGGEST R TITLING SEMINAR TO OBIVATE CON-
FUSION IN MINDS GOM OFFICIALS WITH AID PROGRAMS IN SEMI-
ARID AREAS AND WITH FRANCOPHONE DEFINITION OF "SEMI-ARID"
WHICH IMPLIES ZONE OF 200-400 MM RAINFALL ONLY. COMMERCE
WISHES INCLUDE SUCH ZONE WITHIN OUR DEFINITION, BUT
SAR ALSO TARGETS OTHER AGRICULTURAL ZONES,
WHETHER RAINFED, IRRIGATED, OR IRRIGABLE. IF POSTS CON-
CUR, WE WILL RENAME OUR SEMINAR: SEMINAR ON AGRICULTURAL
LAND DEVELOPMENT.

4. CO-SPONSORSHIP BY HOST AGENCIES: COMMERCE WELCOMES
SEMINAR CO-SPONSORSHIP BY APPROPRIATE LOCAL AGENCY,
HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT NECESSARY IF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY
FEELS IT IS INAPPROPRIATE BECAUSE OF COMMERCIAL NATURE OF

THE SEMINAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE POST SUGGESTIONS ON CO-SPONSORSHIP AND WELCOME COSPONSOR'S SUGGESTIONS AS TO TOPICS OF INTEREST AND POSSIBLE VISITS.

FOR ALGIERS: IN MAY, MR. BOUGGERA, DIRECTOR TECHNICAL PROGRAMS, SECSTATE FOR HYDRAULICS INDICATED INTEREST IN SEMINAR TO COMMAIT AND COMMERCE REP ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTED

FEBRUARY ETA AND WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AS THEME. WE WISH INCLUDE LATTER AS PART OF WIDER THEME OF AGRICULTURAL LAND DEVELOPMENT. WE WILL TRY BUT CANNOT YET PROMISE INCLUDE COMPANIES WHO CAN ADDRESS SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOUGGERA INCLUDING DEMINERALIZATION OF BRACKISH WATER AND MEASUREMENTS OF RIVER WATER LEVELS.

FOR TUNIS: IN OCTOBER MEETING WITH JOINT COMMISSION REPS, MINAGR CHEF DE CABINET CHELBI INDICATED INTEREST IN SEMINAR ALTHOUGH HE DEMURRED ON FORMAL COSPONSORSHIP.

FOR RABAT: PLEASE ELABORATE ON POSSIBLE MINAGR. PARTICIPATION. KISSINGER

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